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Docket No.: 050023-0162

**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of : Customer Number: 20277  
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Kouichi TAKAMINE : Confirmation Number: 9422  
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Application No.: 10/043,246 : Group Art Unit: 2153  
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Filed: January 14, 2002 : Examiner: Philip S. Scuderi  
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For: OUTPUT TIME MANAGEMENT APPARATUS AND OUTPUT TIME MANAGEMENT METHOD

**RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT FOR ELECTION OF SPECIES**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of May 18, 2006, wherein restriction has been required, Applicant hereby elects Group III (claims 1 through 12 and 15 through 17) for prosecution in the above-identified application. Claims 1, 2, 5, 9, 10 and 14 through 17 are generic.

It is noted that the Office Action set a three month period for response. Therefore, no extension of time is required. However, to the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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